

Key Regulatory Changes Affecting Small Businesses — July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

<u>Agency:</u>	Department of Health
<u>Title/Section(s):</u>	Statewide Pricing Methodology for Nursing Homes – 10 NYCRR – Addition of Section 86-2.40
<u>State Register I.D. No:</u>	HLT-45-13-00006-A
<u>Effective Date:</u>	February 19, 2014
<u>Summary:</u>	This regulation establishes a new Medicaid reimbursement methodology for Nursing Homes. This new reimbursement methodology is for the operating component of non-specialty residential health care facilities (nursing homes). The operating component of the price is based upon allowable costs and is the sum of the direct price, indirect price and a facility-specific non-comparable price.
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Agency: Office of Children and Family Services

Title/Section(s): Prohibition of Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity or Expression – 9 NYCRR – Amendment of Sections 180.5 and 82-1.5 and 18 NYCRR – Amendment of Sections 421.3, 421.4, 421.16 and Addition of Section 441.24

State Register I.D. No: CFS-32-13-00007-A

Effective Date: November 6, 2014

Summary: This regulation is amended and added to read as follows: Each program shall employ policies and procedures designed to ensure that youth are not subject to unlawful discriminatory treatment in any program decision making process or when being considered for any available service. Program staff and volunteers shall not engage in or condone discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, religion, or disability. Each program shall promote and maintain a safe environment, take reasonable steps to prevent discrimination and harassment against youth by other youth, promptly investigate incidents of discrimination and harassment by staff, volunteers, and youth, and take reasonable and appropriate corrective or disciplinary action when such incidents occur. For the purposes of this section, “gender identity or expression” shall mean having or being perceived as having a gender identity, self-image, appearance, behavior or expression whether or not that gender identity, self-image, appearance, behavior or expression is different from that traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth. “Gender identity” refers to a person’s internal sense of self as male, female, no gender, or another gender, and “gender expression” refers to the manner in which a person expresses his or her gender through clothing, appearance, behavior, speech, or other means.

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Agency: Department of Health

Title/Section(s): Episodic Pricing for Certified Home Health Agencies – 10 NYCRR – Amendment of Section 86-1.44

State Register I.D. No: HLT-46-13-00006-A

Effective Date: February 19, 2014

Summary: This regulation exempts services to a special needs population from the episodic payment system of Certified Home Health Agencies (CHHAs) and amends subdivisions (a) and (c) and the opening paragraph of subdivision (b) and adds a new subdivision (k). The amendments are necessary to ensure an appropriate level of reimbursement to those CHHAs that provide services to a special needs population of medically complex children, adolescents and young disabled adults and to those CHHAs that serve primarily patients who are eligible for Office of People with Developmental Disabilities services.

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Title/Section(s): Reduction to Statewide Base Price – 10 NYCRR – Amendment of Section 86-1.16

State Register I.D. No: HLT-45-13-00004-A

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Summary: This regulation continues a reduction to statewide base price for inpatient services.

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Title/Section(s): Electronic Prescriptions and Records for Hypodermic Needles and Hypodermic Syringes – 10 NYCRR – Amendment of Sections 80.131 and 80.133

State Register I.D. No: HLT-23-13-00004-A

Effective Date: October 9, 2013

Summary: This regulation allows a practitioner to issue an electronic prescription for hypodermic needles and syringes.

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Agency: Department of State

Title/Section(s): Pet Cemeteries Seeking to Inter the Cremated Remains of Pet Owners – 19 NYCRR – Addition of Section 201.19

State Register I.D. No: DOS-36-13-00004-A

Filing Date: June 3, 2014

Effective Date: 60 days after filing

Summary: This regulation permits pet cemeteries to inter the cremated remains of pet owners with the remains of their pets. The owner of private property on which a pet cemetery licensed is located and operated may permit the disposition of cremains in such pet cemetery without acting as a cemetery and without violating N-PCL Article 15 and 19 NYCRR Parts 200 and 201.

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Agency: Department of Health

Title/Section(s): Prevention of Influenza Transmission by Healthcare and Residential Facility and Agency Personnel – 10 NYCRR – Amendment of Sections 2.59, 405.3, 415.19, 751.6, 763.13, 766.11 and 793.5

State Register I.D. No: HLT-07-13-0020-A

Effective Date: July 31, 2013

Summary: This regulation requires hospitals, DT and Cs, nursing home, home care and hospice personnel to wear a surgical or procedure mask if not vaccinated for influenza.

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Agency: Department of Agriculture and Markets

Title/Section(s): Avian Influenza – 1 NYCRR – Amendment of Part 45

State Register I.D. No: AAM-44-13-00003-A

Effective Date: February 12, 2014

Summary: This regulation amends part 45 as follows: no person shall enter the State of New York with any truck, coop, cage, crate or other conveyance for the purpose of removing, delivering or transporting live poultry unless the truck and the coop, cage, crate or other conveyance is in a sanitary condition. Sanitary condition shall mean that the truck, coop, cage, crate or other conveyance has been cleaned and disinfected immediately prior to its arrival and that no other livestock or other poultry have used the truck or equipment since it was cleaned and disinfected. The operator of the truck shall maintain a record of the dates of cleaning and disinfection and shall have copy of that record in his possession.

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Agency: Workers' Compensation Board

Title/Section(s): Electronic Reporting of First Reports of Injury and Subsequent Reports of Injury – 12 NYCRR – Repeal of section 300.22, addition of new Section 300.22 and amendment of Sections 300.23 and 300.38

State Register I.D. No: WCB-17-13-00002-A

Effective Date: April 23, 2014

Summary: This regulation requires electronic reporting of first reports of injury and subsequent reports of injury, including medical only cases, notices of controversy and when a carrier acquires responsibility for a claim from another carrier.

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Agency: Office of Children and Family Services

Title/Section(s): Child Day Care Regulations – 18 NYCRR – Repeal of Parts 413, 416 and 417 and addition of new Parts 413, 416 and 417

State Register I.D. No: CFS-26-13-00012-AA

Effective Date: May 1, 2014

Summary: This regulation revises and updates the family and group family day care regulations. The addition of new Parts 413, 416 and 417 strengthen health and safety standards, correct conflicting regulatory language discovered in existing citations relative to the administration of medication, update the regulations with recent changes made to Social Services Law and NYS Building Code, and make the regulations easier to understand.

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Agency: Department of Agriculture and Markets

Title/Section(s): Specie of Ash Trees, Parts Thereof and Products and Debris Therefrom Which Are at Risk for Infestation by the Emerald Ash Borer – 1 NYCRR – Amendment of Section 141.2

State Register I.D. No: AAM-23-14-00001-EP

Effective Date: May 22, 2014

Summary: This regulation extends the emerald ash borer quarantine to include Madison and Onondaga Counties to prevent the further spread of the beetle to other areas.

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Agency: Department of Economic Development

Title/Section(s): Economic Transformation and Facility Redevelopment Program –
5 NYCRR – Addition of Parts 220-204

State Register I.D. No: EDV-18-13-00003-A

Effective Date: July 3, 2013

Summary: This regulation adds the definitions relevant to the Economic Transformation and Facility Redevelopment Program that includes, but are not limited to certificate of eligibility, preliminary schedule of benefits, net new jobs, new business, economic transformation area, and closed facility.

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Agency: Department of Environmental Conservation

Title/Section(s): Recreational Harvest Regulations for Summer Flounder (Fluke) and Black Sea Bass – 6 NYCRR – Amendment of Part 40

State Register I.D. No: ENV-19-14-00020-A

Effective Date: July 23, 2014

Summary: This regulation maximizes recreational angler opportunities for popular fin fish species while limiting harvest to remain in compliance with the Fishery Management Plan for Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

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Agency: Department of Labor

Title/Section(s): Deductions from Wages – 12 NYCRR – Repeal and addition of new Part 195

State Register I.D. No: LAB-21-13-0010-A

Effective Date: September 10, 2013

Summary: This regulation explains the types of deduction that are authorized to be made from wages and the method by which those deductions may be made. The addition of new Part 195 establishes provisions governing authorized deductions for the benefit of employees, for the recovery of overpayments due to clerical or mathematical errors, and for repayment of advances.

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Agency: Department of Health

Title/Section(s): Prescription Monitoring Program – 10 NYCRR – Amendment of Part 80

State Register I.D. No: HLT-25-13-00017-A

Effective Date: August 27, 2013

Summary: This regulation establishes reporting requirements to the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) registry by pharmacies and dispensing practitioners. The amendment of Part 80 sets forth the duty of practitioners to consult the PMP registry, the duty of pharmacies to update the PMP in real time, the ability of pharmacists to consult the PMP, and the ability of practitioners and pharmacists to appoint designees to access the PMP on their behalf, as well as exceptions to such duties.

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Agency: Department of Agriculture and Markets

Title/Section(s): State and County Fairs – 1 NYCRR – Amendment of Part 351

State Register I.D. No: AAM-23-14-00009-A

Effective Date: September 4, 2013

Summary: This regulation requires animal identification consistent with federal requirements; and clarifies and eases current regulatory requirements.

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Agency: Department of Health

Title/Section(s): Expand Medicaid Coverage of Enteral Formula – 18 NYCRR – Amendment of Section 505.5

State Register I.D. No: HLT-52-13-00007-E

Effective Date: April 3, 2014

Summary: This regulation expands Medicaid coverage of enteral formula for individuals with HIV infection, AIDS or HIV-related illness or other diseases to protect the health of medically fragile persons with declining medical and nutritional status who need access to enteral formula.

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Agency: Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs

Title/Section(s): Incident Review Committee Requirement – 14 NYCRR – Addition of Part 704

State Register I.D. No: JCP-27-13-00010-A

Effective Date: September 11, 2013

Summary: This regulation identifies appropriate methods for compliance and factors warranting exemption from incident review committee requirement. The addition of Part 704 provides that each state oversight agency establishes procedures and requirements relating to incident management programs, including establishment of incident review committees and authorizes the state oversight agency to grant an exemption from this requirement when appropriate, based on the size of the facility or provider agency or other relevant factors.

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Agency: Department of Labor

Title/Section(s): Responding to Requests for Information and Employer Relief of Charges – 12 NYCRR – Repeal and replace Section 472.12

State Register I.D. No: LAB-30-13-00011-A

Effective Date: October 1, 2013

Summary: This regulation provides a procedure for timely and adequate response to requests for information and for relief from charges. The employer may respond by fax, electronic communication, State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES), U.S. Postal Service, private delivery service, telephone, or other method of communication approved by the Department of Labor.

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Agency: Division of Housing and Community Renewal

Title/Section(s): Regulations Govern Selection of Housing Companies and Their Supervision Under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program – 9 NYCRR – Amendment of Part 2040

State Register I.D. No: HCR-33-13-00020-A

Effective Date: November 20, 2013

Summary: This regulation amends definitions, threshold criteria, and application scoring utilized in the allocation of low-income housing credits.

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Agency: Department of Environmental Conservation

Title/Section(s): Commercial and Recreational Regulations for Atlantic Menhaden
– 6 NYCRR – Amendment of Section 40.1(f) and 40.1(x)

State Register I.D. No: ENV-32-13-00004-A

Effective Date: October 16, 2013

Summary: This regulation establishes commercial quota management, report requirements and a recreational possession limit for Atlantic Menhaden to end overfishing and be in compliance with the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden as adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and to avoid potential federal sanctions imposed for lack of compliance with the plan.

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Agency: Department of Taxation and Finance

Title/Section(s): Tax Return Preparers – 20 NYCRR – Addition of Part 2600 and Repeal and Amendment of Section 158.12(1)(v)-(ix)

State Register I.D. No: TAF-38-13-00002-A

Effective Date: December 11, 2013

Summary: This regulation is added and amended to regulate the tax return preparer industry and sets forth the registration requirement for tax return preparers, as well as certain conduct requirements and penalties for non-compliance with regulations promulgated by the Commissioner.

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Agency: New York State Gaming Commission

Title/Section(s): Implementation of Procedure to Disclose Horses' Recent Corticosteroid Joint Injections to Claimants – 9 NYCRR – Addition of Section 4038.5(c)

State Register I.D. No: SGC-40-13-00002-A

Effective Date: April 9, 2014

Summary: This regulation is added to read as follows: the previous trainer of a claimed horse shall, within 48 hours after the race is made official, provide to the new owner an accurate record of all corticosteroid joint infections that were administered to the horse within 30 days before the race. This section is added to protect the health and safety of thoroughbred race horses, jockeys, and exercise riders.

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Agency: Department of Financial Services

Title/Section(s): Confidentiality Protocols for Victims of Domestic Violence and Endangered Individuals – 11 NYCRR – Addition of Part 244

State Register I.D. No: DFS-41-13-00008-EP

Effective Date: September 23, 2013

Summary: This regulation establishes requirements for insurers to effectively respond to certain requests to keep records and information confidential for domestic violence victims and endangered individuals.

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Agency: Department of Labor

Title/Section(s): Minimum Wage – 12 NYCRR – Amendment of Parts 141, 142, 143 and 146

State Register I.D. No: LAB-41-13-00012-A

Effective Date: December 31, 2013

Summary: This regulation is amended to comply with Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2013 that increased the minimum wage, which, in part increases the minimum wage to \$8.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2013; \$8.75 per hour on and after December 31, 2014; and \$9.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2015.

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Title/Section(s): Farmworker Minimum Wage – 12 NYCRR – Amendment of Part 190

State Register I.D. No: LAB-41-13-00011-A

Effective Date: December 31, 2013

Summary: This regulation is amended to comply with Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2013 that increased the minimum wage to \$8.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2013; \$8.75 per hour on and after December 31, 2014; and \$9.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2015, or, if greater, such other wage as may be established by Federal law.

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Agency: Division of Criminal Justice Services

Title/Section(s): Approved Security Guard Training Schools – 9 NYCRR – Repeal and Replace Part 6028

State Register I.D. No: CJS-44-13-00002-A

Effective Date: February 5, 2014

Summary: This regulation increases the minimum qualifications for approval and establishes additional clear and specific requirements for such approval, with respect to security guard training courses, the approved security guard training schools, and the security guard instructor standards and qualifications.

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Agency: Department of Agriculture and Markets

Title/Section(s): Captive Cervids – 1 NYCRR – Amendment of Sections 68.1, 68.2, 68.3, 68.5, 68.7 and 68.8

State Register I.D. No: AAM-44-13-00007-A

Effective Date: April 16, 2014

Summary: This regulation is amended to prevent the reintroduction and spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in New York State (NYS). The amendment provides that until November 15, 2013, cervids (deer, elk and moose) susceptible to CWD may be moved into NYS provided the Department has received a completed application for movement prior to October 15, 2013. Effective November 16, 2013, the rule prohibits the movement of cervids susceptible to CWD into NYS until August 1, 2018, except movements to a zoo accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The amendment also provides that prior to August 1, 2018, the Commissioner shall hold hearings to reevaluate the risk and impacts of allowing limited movement of CWD susceptible cervids into NYS and if warranted, amend the rule to address changes in circumstances. The amendment requires confinement and CWD testing for captive cervids with NYS this is due to further spread of CWD.

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Title/Section(s): Firewood (all Hardwood Species), Nursery Stock, Logs, Green Lumber, Stumps, Roots, Branches and Debris of Half an Inch or More – 1 NYCRR – Amendment of Part 139

State Register I.D. No: AAM-10-14-00001-E

Effective Date: May 19, 2014

Summary: This regulation modifies the Asian Long Horned Beetle quarantine and extends the existing quarantine area on Long Island to North Lindenhurst, Farmingdale, East Farmingdale, Bethpage, Old Bethpage, Melville, Wyandanch, Wheatley Heights and the Town of Huntington to prevent the further spread of the beetle to other areas.

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Title/Section(s): Proof of Satisfaction of Lien by Dealers – 15 NYCRR – Amendment of Section 20.17

State Register I.D. No: MTV-25-13-00005-A

Effective Date: January 8, 2014

Summary: This regulation establishes procedures for dealers to demonstrate that they have satisfied a lien in order to obtain a clear title.

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Agency: Department of Health

Title/Section(s): Hospital Indigent Care Pool Payment Methodology – 10 NYCRR – Amendment of Section 86-1.47

State Register I.D. No: HLT-50-13-00001-E

Effective Date: February 18, 2014

Summary: This regulation establishes a distribution methodology for indigent care pool payment to general hospitals for the three-year period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

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Agency: Lake George Park Commission

Title/Section(s): Mandatory Inspection of Trailered Vessels for Aquatic Invasive Species Prior to Launching into Lake George – 6 NYCRR – Addition of Subpart 646-9

State Register I.D. No: LGP-34-13-00001-A

Effective Date: May 15, 2014

Summary: This regulation is to minimize and prevent the introduction and spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) into Lake George and to provide close management of the primary vector, trailered boats, by providing for the inspection of vessels to ensure that the operators of these vessels have taken steps to prevent the spread of AIS.

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Agency: Department of Economic Development

Title/Section(s): Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program – 5
NYCRR – Amendment of Parts 140-145

State Register I.D. No: EDV-04-14-00010-A

Effective Date: June 4, 2014

Summary: This regulation makes extensive changes to the existing regulations governing the Division of Minority and Women’s Business Development and the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise program.

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Agency: Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

Title/Section(s): Pathway to Employment Service – 14 NYCRR – Amendment of Subparts 635-10, 635-99 and Section 686.99

State Register I.D. No: PDD-11-14-00012-A

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

Summary: This regulation is to minimize and prevent the introduction and spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) into Lake George and to provide close management of the primary vector, trailered boats, by providing for the inspection of vessels to ensure that the operators of these vessels have taken steps to prevent the spread of AIS.

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Title/Section(s): Requirements for Identifying, Washing, Packing and Labeling of Food Represented As Kosher – 1 NYCRR – Repeal of Part 255

State Register I.D. No: AAM-08-14-00022-A

Effective Date: May 21, 2014

Summary: This regulation repeals the requirements for identifying, washing, packing and labeling of food represented as kosher.

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